

REMARKSRejection of Claims 24-28 Under Section 102(e):

In the non-final office action of January 16, 2003, claims 24-28 were rejected under section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,223,166 ("Kay") on the theory that Kay:

5 teaches a ticket having a cipher-coded bar code 33 located [on a ticket] representing ticket information including description event, venue, and seat location (col. 3, line 66 – col. 4, line 3; col. 4, lines 29-46). The ticket may be printed using a standard PC assembly of a ticket purchaser (col. 2, lines 45-54).

10 The amendments presented in this document distinguish Kay. Specifically, Kay fails to teach that any ticket bearer may use a ticket binding a seat to a specific customer. This important feature allows one person to buy a set of tickets, binding the seats to the customer, who then transmits the tickets to others. Support for such an amendment is seen throughout the specification.

15 Claim 24 has also been amended to further clarify that the paper of the ticket is non-specific to any particular use. In other words, it is not ticket stock but general-use printer paper.

Rejection of Claims 1-6, 8-23, 29-36, Under Section 103(a):

20 The claim amendments focus on two distinctions, either alone or in combination: (1) that the cited references fail to disclose a ticket printed on common printer paper that can bind a seat to a customer, and/or (2) the cited references fail to disclose the ability of the customer to select the remote device independent of authorization from the system for creating the ticket (both of which are supported throughout the specification).

Neither Webber nor Kay, alone or in combination, teaches the combination of features as now claimed. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable. Prompt allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 01-2511
5 for any additional filing fees required or overpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

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